[11th March 1929

Water-supply

Extension of the water-supply scheme in Bellary.

*1691 Q.—Mr. P. SIVA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Municipal Council of Bellary has applied for the extension of the water-supply scheme and the increase of water-taps at Brucepet and Cowl Bazaar in the town of Bellary;

(b) if so, whether its proposals have been sanctioned by the Government; and

(c) whether the Municipal Council, Bellary, has applied for house connexions also and whether its proposal has been sanctioned?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The scheme already sanctioned provides for the construction of a limited number of taps in Cowl Bazaar and Brucepet areas. A scheme for the construction of additional fountains in Brucepet is separately under consideration. The proposal to increase the number of taps in Cowl Bazaar will be considered after the receipt of plans and estimates therefor.

(c) Yes. The Municipal Council was informed in 1927 that the question of granting house connexions had been deferred until the construction of the head works had been completed and the supply had been extended to the Cowl Bazaar, to the Fort and the Cantonment area. This question will now be considered.

Mr. P. SIVA RAO:—"With reference to answer to clause (b), will the hon. Member be pleased to say with reference to the construction of additional fountains when orders are likely to be passed?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"The construction of head works is nearing completion and this matter of house connexions will be considered soon."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO:—"With reference to answer to clause (c) i.e., the last sentence 'the Question will be considered,' may I take it that the question relates to granting of house connexions?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Yes."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Government are satisfied with the supply."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"The complaint is that it is not satisfactory."

Agriculture

Progress of agricultural education in the Presidency.

*1692 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. ŚWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of agricultural colleges in this province;

(b) the number of agricultural schools in the Presidency;

(c) where the colleges and schools are situated;

(d) the strength of each;

(e) how many of the pupils or students are sons of ryots;

(*f*) the capital and annual cost of each;

(*g*) when they were established;

(*h*) how many students have completed their studies till last year since the date of establishment of each institution; and

(*i*) what is the present avocation of the various students that underwent instruction in the said agricultural colleges and schools?

A.—(*a*) One.

(*b*) One.

(*c*) At Coimbatore and at Taliparamba respectively.

(*d*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to paragraphs 16 and 21 of the Administration Report of the Agricultural Department for 1927–28.

(*e*) It may be taken that all the pupils are sons of agriculturists since this condition is one which alone renders a student eligible for admission to the Agricultural College and Agricultural middle school.

(*f*) Statements [a] showing the capital and annual cost of the middle schools and annual cost of the college are appended. The Government have no information at hand as to the capital cost of the college.

(*g*) The Agricultural Middle school at Anakapalle was established in 1922–23 and closed in 1927. The Agricultural Middle school at Taliparamba was established in 1922–23. The Agricultural College at Coimbatore was established in June 1908.

(*h*)

Agricultural Middle school, Anakapalle	27
Agricultural Middle school, Taliparamba	60
Agricultural College, Coimbatore	469

(*i*) The Government have no information beyond that the majority of the students who have passed through the Agricultural College, Coimbatore, are employed in Government service.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister for Development whether he intends to open an agricultural school in the Telugu districts?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Yes, Sir. We propose to open one at Kalahasti."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether, in view of the fact that it costs annually about Rs. 7,000 for each student, they have taken any steps to reduce the cost per year?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" That will be considered."

The Zamindar of Gollapalli :—" Do Government propose to open an agricultural school in the Northern Circars?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Notice, Sir."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 537–538 infra.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister what the average acreage is which every demonstrator serves in the Kurnool district ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Notice."

Work of the agricultural demonstrators in each district.

* 1693 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of agricultural demonstrators in each of the districts ;

(b) the number of villages visited by each last year ; and

(c) whether any printed instructions are distributed by the demonstrators ?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement is appended.[a]

(c) Yes ; they are distributed to such ryots who are literate but in the case of the majority who are illiterate verbal instructions also are given. It is however part of the regular propaganda duty of every Demonstrator to keep his public informed of departmental literature and to supply it, if necessary.

Agricultural motor exhibition lorries.

* 1694 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the names of districts to which the motor exhibition lorries have so far been sent ; and

(b) whether they will be sent to South Kanara and if so, when ?

A.—(a) Salem, Coimbatore, Malabar, North Arcot and Chingleput.

(b) The lorries are too big and heavy for safe transport across the rivers on the ferries and therefore it is not possible to send them to South Kanara.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether the lorries cannot be taken in the train or by road from Malabar to South Kanara via Mercara ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" It is not worthwhile doing so."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, what arrangements the Minister has made to find out the opinions of the ryots concerned as to the utility of these lorries ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I do not quite understand the question."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" What good purposes the lorries are serving ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" They serve the very useful purpose of educating the illiterate ryots in modern scientific methods of cultivation, etc."

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 538–539 infra.